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SUBJECT: KIM SONG-CHIN'S COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR

MCCLOSKEY

1. BLUE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY KIM SONG-CHIN PAID BRIEF
COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY ON JUNE 18. COUNTRY
DIRECTOR RANARD ALSO PRESENT.

2. QUERIED AS TO DIFFICULTIES HE FACES AS BLUE HOUSE PRESS
SECRETARY, KIM SAID HIS GREATEST PROBLEM WAS ESTABLISHING
FOREIGN IMAGE FOR THE ROK. THIS AFFORDED MCCLOSKEY
APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO REFER TO ROK ACTION IN LIFTING
BETH POND VISA. INDICATING THERE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN
DEPARTMENT PRESS CORPS ON SUCH ISSUES, MCCLOSKEY WENT ON
TO SAY THAT U.S. HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO SPEAK OUT FORCEFULLY.
GIVEN OUR DEEP RELATIONSHIPS, HE SAID, IT MAY BE PAINFUL TO
DO SO, BUT WE MUST STAND UP AND MAKE OUR POSITION CLEAR.
SPEAKING FROM PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS AS FORMER DEPARTMENT
PRESS SPOKESMAN, MCCLOSKEY SUGGESTED IT FAR BETTER FOR
GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE THEIR LUMPS, RATHER THAN AGGRAVATE
ABRASIONS WHICH ALREADY EXIST IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESS.

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3. KIM RESPONDED WITH TYPICAL ROK REQUEST FOR TIME AND

PATIENCE. HE STATED THAT, WHILE HE WAS ON A "PRIVATE" TRIP,
HE INTENDED NEVERTHELESS TO TALK WITH AMERICAN NEWSMEN AND
OTHERS IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE ROK IMAGE IN THE U.S. KISSINGER

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